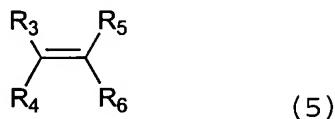


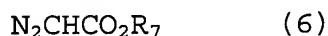
wherein R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and R_7 are as defined below,

which comprises reacting a prochiral olefin of formula

(5) :



wherein R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are as defined below, with a diazoacetic acid ester of formula (6):



wherein R₇ is as defined below, in the presence of a chiral copper complex as defined in item 3 or 4,

wherein R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 independently represent

a hydrogen atom.

a halogen atom.

a (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom or a lower alkoxy group,

a (C₄-C₈) cycloalkyl group,

an aryl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom

or a lower alkoxy group.

an alkoxy group,

R_3 and R_4 , or R_5 and R_6 may be bonded at their terminals to form an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, and one of R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 groups represents an alkenyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom, an alkoxy group or an alkoxy carbonyl group, of which alkoxy may be substituted with a halogen atom or atoms, provided that when R_3 and R_5 are the same, R_4 and R_6 are not the same, and

R_7 represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a benzyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenoxy group or a halogen atom, a phenyl group which may be optionally substituted with a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group or a phenoxy group.

The paragraph beginning on page 26, line 8, has been amended as follows:

--Comparative Example 5--